

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS ROUTING SHEET (5211)

NAVMC HQ 335 (REV. 05-00)

1. DATE

30 Dec 03

2. OPERATING CODE

X - ORIGINATOR OF OFFICE AFFIXING
ROUTE SHEET

G - INFORMATION

H - RETURN TO: 2033 Barnett Ave Suite 315,
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A - APPROPRIATE ACTION
B - GUIDANCE
C - SIGNATURE
D - COMMENT
E - RECOMMENDATION
F - CONCURRENCE

I - INITIAL
J - DISPOSITION
K - DECISION
L - RETENTION
O - OTHER

2. SUBJECT

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN
OPTIONAL MARINE CORPS
COMBAT BOOTS (MCCB)
PROGRAM**

ROUTING - USE NUMBER TO SHOW ORDER OF ROUTING

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9. NATURE OF REQ ACTION	ORIGINATOR'S INITIALS	DUE DATE (IF ANY)
ROUTINE	MKB	
URGENT		

10. REFERENCES HELD BY

(NAME, GRADE, OFFICE CODE, TELEPHONE EXT.)

M. K. BOYT, NH-III, MCUB, DSN 378-4607

11. REMARKS AND SIGNATURE

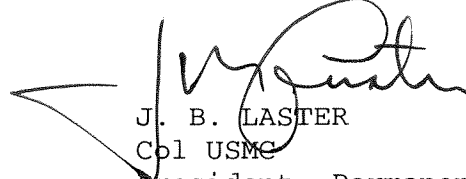
1. **Purpose.** To receive ACMC and SGTMAJMARCOR recommendations and CMC decision on the attached memorandum, and release authority for the attached MARADMIN.

2. **Background.** For uniformity sake, effective 1 October 2004 the black/green optional boot program will expire and only the MCCBs will be authorized for wear with the utility uniform (excluding special issue boots). In order to take advantage of new sole technologies and increase the amount of manufactures capable of making the MCCB it is recommended that a limited optional MCCB program be authorized as detailed in enclosure (1) to the memo. Examples of the boots (with different soles) are provided.

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3. **Action.** Request ACMC and SgtMajMarCor comments and CMC decision on the attached memorandum, and release authority be granted for the attached MARADMIN.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. B. Laster", is written over a large, stylized checkmark or "V" shape.

J. B. LASTER
Col USMC
President, Permanent
Marine Corps Uniform Board

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TO MARADMIN

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MARADMIN XXX/04

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SUBJ/INTERIM CHANGE TO THE MARINE CORPS UNIFORM REGULATIONS:

WEAR OF OPTIONAL MARINE CORPS COMBAT BOOTS (MCCB)//

REF/A/DOC/MCO P1020.34G//

NARR/REF A IS THE MARINE CORPS UNIFORM REGULATIONS//

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RMKS/1. SITUATION. EFFECTIVE 1 OCTOBER 2004, THE OPTIONAL BLACK/GREEN BOOT PROGRAM IS CANCELLED. THE ONLY AUTHORIZED BOOT, OTHER THAN SAFETY OR SPECIAL ISSUE BOOTS, WILL BE THE MCCB. IN ORDER TO CAPITALIZE ON DIFFERENT/NEW SOLE TECHNOLOGIES, CMC HAS AUTHORIZED A LIMITED OPTIONAL MCCB PROGRAM.

2. MISSION. TO CHANGE THE REFERENCE AS DIRECTED BELOW.

3. EXECUTION. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO THE REFERENCE.

A. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 3012.2E TO READ:

"E. OPTIONAL BOOTS. OPTIONAL BOOTS (BLACK OR GREEN) ... "

VICE "E. OPTIONAL BOOTS. OPTIONAL BOOTS (BLACK ONLY) ... ".

B. INSERT NEW PARAGRAPH 3012.2F:

"F. OPTIONAL MCCBS. OPTIONAL MCCBS WITH A MARINE CORPS APPROVAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (SEE FIGURE 1-3) AND MARINE CORPS EMBLEM ON THE OUTSIDE HEEL OF THE BOOT, ARE AUTHORIZED FOR WEAR WITH THE UTILITY UNIFORM AND WILL MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENT."

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMINISTRATION. THIS MARADMIN CONSTITUTES AUTHORITY TO CHANGE THE REF AS DIRECTED IN PARAGRAPH 3.

B. LOGISTICS. N/A.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL

A. THIS MARADMIN IS APPLICABLE TO THE TOTAL FORCE MARINE CORPS.

B. SUBSEQUENT CHANGES, CORRECTIONS, OR AMPLIFYING INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER OR THE REFERENCE, IF NECESSARY, WILL BE PUBLISHED VIA MARADMIN.

C. QUESTIONS MAY BE REFERRED TO GS12 M. BOYT, PROJECT OFFICER, MCUB (EMAIL "BOYTMK@MCSC.USMC.MIL"), AT DSN 378-4607.//

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
PERMANENT MARINE CORPS UNIFORM BOARD
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MCUB

DECISION MEMORANDUM
FOR
THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS

Subj: AUTHORIZATION TO ADOPT AN OPTIONAL MARINE CORPS
COMBAT BOOTS (MCCB) PROGRAM

Ref: (a) CMC Decision Memo of 4 Jan 2002 (MCUB No. 202)

Encl: (1) PM ICE, MARCORSYSCOM info paper of 20 Nov 03
(2) Boot Samples (3 different soles)

1. Purpose. To receive CMC decision on the recommendation to authorize the wear of Marine Corps approved optional MCCBs.

2. Background. Per the reference, and modified by MARADMIN 310/03, the optional black/green combat boot policy will expire effective 1 Oct 2004. As of that date the only authorized boots (not including safety or special issue) will be the issued hot weather and temperate weather MCCBs.

3. Key Points. Enclosure (1) is provided as background to this issue, and enclosure (2) is provided as an example.

- If an optional boot policy were approved the only authorized difference would be the sole construction (the rest of the boot would remain the same).
- Manufacturers of the optional boots would require a Marine Corps approval identification number to sell the boot as an authorized uniform item.

4. Action Required. Request SgtMajMarCor and ACMC recommendation, and CMC decision on the below recommendation.

Recommendation: Authorize a limited optional MCCB program as detailed in the below changes to the Uniform Regulations.

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- Change paragraph 3012.2.e. of the Uniform Regulations to read:

"e. Optional Black/Green Boots. Optional boots (black or green) may continue to be worn with the utility uniform until 1 October 2004. The boots may be worn per the following guidance..."

- Insert paragraph 3012.2.f:

"f. Optional MCCBs. Optional MCCBs (as approved by Marine Corps Systems Command), with a Marine Corps Approval Identification Number (see Figure 1-3), are authorized for wear with the utility uniform and will meet the minimum requirement. As of 1 October 2004, no other optional boot is authorized for wear."

President, MCUB Recommendation:

Approve Disapprove

SgtMajMarCor Recommendation:

Approve Disapprove

ACMC Recommendation:

Approve Disapprove

CMC Decision:

Approve Disapprove

Prepared by: Ms. M. Boyt
Marine Corps Uniform Board
DSN 278-4607

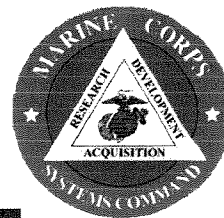


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Information Paper

LtCol Patricio, Program Manager ICE, 20 Nov 03

Marine Corps Combat Boots



Current Boot & Examples of Boots with an Alternative Sole



Left to Right side view:

1. *the currently approved Vibram sole boot*
2. *an alternative Vibram sole boot*
3. *an alternative Vibram sole boot- welt constructed*



Top Down view

Purpose :

To obtain CMC guidance on alternate combat boots (hot weather / temperate weather) for wear by Marines with the Marine Corps Combat Utility Uniform that would maintain the overall appearance of the boot but provide different type of sole construction for Marines.

Background:

All Marines are issued two pair of combat boots (1 hot weather / 1 temperate weather) at Boot Camp.

CMC (32d) discontinued the optional boot policy, which allowed Marines to wear slight variations in design of the combat boot.

Characteristics:

- The current hot weather/temperate weather combat boot is coyote brown, rough out leather, box toe, 9-inch boot.
- The boot has a fungicide-treated full grain leather upper with Cordura side panels.
- The sole is dual density with a *Vibram* bio-sole outsole and a polyurethane midsole.
- The nylon lacing system is toe-up construction with brass eyelets.

Production

The current producers of the combat boot are:

- Belleville Boot; Belleville IL
- Bates Boots; Rockford MI

Discussion:

Optional boots considered would maintain the same appearance from the top of the sole to the top of the boot, but would afford the wearer an **alternative sole construction**. If acceptable, this would be the only difference in appearance between boots. All other characteristics would remain uniform.

Advantages/ Disadvantages:

Advantages

- Increased number of vendors to produce boots with potential for better pricing.
- Increased size opportunity for better fit for Marines.
- Variation in sole would provide Marines greater flexibility to select a boot based on usage, fit, comfort and job requirements.

Disadvantages

- Some lack of uniformity in appearance
- Potential cost difference in different models

c. All Marines may wear clear, smoky gray, or black zipper-closure overshoes or rubbers of plain design with the uniform during inclement weather. Additionally, females may wear plain black boots which do not extend above the knee. Female boots with a one-piece sole/heel construction in flat or wedge style may be worn; however, platform soles are prohibited. If boots with separate heels are worn, the heel dimensions will conform to those prescribed for female oxfords/pumps. Soles and heels must be black and linings will be inconspicuous. These items will not be worn indoors.

2. Combat Boots. Temperate weather and hot weather boots may be worn with any version of the utility uniform at the individual's option. Organizational issue safety boots and deviations as approved by commanding officers and/or medical officers are also authorized. Authorized boots are as follows:

a. Marine Corps Combat Boot, Temperate Weather (MCCB (TW)). The standard temperate weather combat boot is the brown rough-side-out leather boot, and will be worn as issued/sold through the DoD Supply System/Retail Clothing Outlet and those private vendors who have authority to sell the patented boot. A Marine Corps emblem heat-embossed on the outer ankle identifies MCCBs that are authorized for wear. The mandatory possession date for the MCCB (TW) is 1 October 2004.

b. Infantry Combat Boot (ICB), Black. The temperate weather black ICB, with all black smooth-side-out leather uppers, will be worn as issued/sold through the DoD Supply System/Retail Clothing Outlet and those private vendors who have authority to sell the patented boot. Marines who entered the Marine Corps before 1 June 2002 are authorized to continue to wear this boot until 1 October 2004, at which time they are required to replace it with the MCCB (TW).

c. Marine Corps Combat Boot, Hot Weather (MCCB (HW)). The standard hot weather combat boot is the brown rough-side-out leather boot, and will be worn as issued/sold through the DoD Supply System/Retail Clothing Outlet and those private vendors who have authority to sell the patented boot. A Marine Corps emblem heat-embossed on the outer ankle identifies MCCBs authorized that are for wear by Marines. The mandatory possession date for the MCCB (HW) is 1 **October** 2004. (MARADMIN 310/03)

d. Jungle Boot, Black and Green. The hot weather jungle boot, with either green or black fabric upper, will be worn as issued/sold through the DoD Supply System/Retail Clothing Outlet and those private vendors who have authority to sell the patented boot. Marines who entered the Marine Corps before 1 June 2002 are authorized to continue to wear these boots until 1 **October** 2004, at which time they are required to replace them with the MCCB(HW). (MARADMIN 310/03)

e. Optional Boots. Optional boots (black ^{or Green} ~~only~~) may continue to be worn with the combat utility uniform until 1 **October** 2004. Optional boots (black only) may be worn with camouflage utility uniform until 1 October 2004. The boots may be worn per the following guidance:

f. Optional MCCBs. - - - - .

(1) All Marines may purchase optional commercially available black leather or black hot weather tropical (jungle) combat boots from any source provided they meet criteria set forth in the following paragraphs. These items will not be used to satisfy minimum requirements. These boots may be worn at the option of the individual whenever combat boots are prescribed/authorized for wear, except that commanders may require the wear of the standard issue boots on specific occasions when uniformity is required, i.e., inspections, parades, ceremonies (as authorized by above timelines).

(2) All optional boots will meet the following general appearance standards. The boots will be of all-black leather or, for hot weather boots, all-black leather with black fabric uppers. Boots with a patent leather or glossy finish are not authorized. Speed laces or eyelet lacing is acceptable. The total height of the boots will be from 8 to 12 inches. Lining, insulation, or padding is optional.

(3) Boots worn under this authority will be functional and suitable for combat and field wear. Examples of boots which do not meet this criteria are lightweight hiking shoes/boots based on running shoe lasts or technology, boots with patent leather and/or zippers, or boots made entirely of canvas and rubber. Boots designed for police and SWAT use in urban areas are not acceptable combat boots because they are not suited for load bearing in rough terrain.

3. Male Dress Shoes. (see fig. 3-2). Officers' dress black shoes will be either oxford or chukka boot in style and may be either the bal- or blucher-type.

4. Female Dress Shoes. (See fig. 3-3.)

a. All pumps will be of conservative cut with closed toes and heel without ornamental stitching or seams.

b. Black suede or fabric pumps will be worn with evening dress uniforms. Heels will measure from 1-1/2 inches to 2-1/2 inches in height. The base of the heel will measure from 3/8 by 3/8 inch to 1-1/4 by 1-1/2 inches.

c. Black pumps (except evening dress) will be smooth leather or synthetic leather. Any elastic binding around the throat of the pump will match the color of the shoe. Heels will measure from 1 inch to 2-1/2 inches in height. The base of the heel will measure from 3/8 by 3/8 inch to 1-1/2 by 1-7/8 inches.

d. Black dress flats are authorized for optional purchase and wear with dress and service uniforms instead of black pumps or oxfords under certain conditions. The flats will not be used to satisfy minimum requirements for either the black pumps or oxfords. They may be purchased from commercial sources or Marine Corps Exchanges and are not required to contain USMC approval identification. Black dress flats worn under this authority will be of smooth leather or synthetic leather, with the same general appearance standards as pumps. They will have a maximum heel height of 7/8 inch. The flats will have heels that are separate and distinct from the sole of the shoe; "wedged" heels are prohibited.

e. Black pumps, dress flats, and oxfords will be worn with the blue dress, blue-white dress, service and maternity uniforms per the following guidance:

(1) When the skirt is worn as part of the blue dress, blue-white dress, or service uniform, either black pumps or black dress flats will be worn at the individual's option, except as follows:

(a) If the skirt is worn for drill, parades, and other occasions that require functional uniformity, oxfords will be the prescribed footwear.

(b) Black pumps will be worn with the blue dress or blue-white dress uniform with skirt for formal occasions. However, flats may be worn by those engaged in ceremonial details on such occasions at the individual's option, unless oxfords are prescribed by the Commander.

(c) Oxfords are authorized for wear when a duty involves prolonged walking or standing, when pumps are considered unsafe, when prescribed for medical reasons, or when

3009. CUMMERBUNDS

1. Scarlet cummerbunds will be worn with the female officers' evening dress "A" (except general officers), the male and female officers' evening dress "B" (except general officers), and the SNCOs evening dress.
2. Cummerbunds will be worn with the pleats opening towards the top.

3010. EARRINGS (FEMALE)

1. Female Marines may wear earrings with service and dress uniforms at the individual's option, according to the following regulations:
 - a. Small, polished, yellow gold color, ball, or round stud earrings (post, screw-on, or clip), not to exceed 6 millimeters (about 1/4 inch) in diameter, may be worn with the service, blue dress, and blue-white dress.
 - b. Small white pearl or pearl-like earrings (post, screw-on, or clip), not to exceed 6 millimeters (about 1/4 inch) in diameter, may be worn with evening dress uniforms and with the blue dress "A" and blue-white dress "A" uniforms when worn for social events.
2. When worn, earrings will fit tightly against, and will not extend below, the earlobe. Only one earring will be worn on or in each earlobe.
3. Earrings will not be worn with the utility uniform, or while participating in a parade, ceremony, or other similar military functions.

3011. ECWCS PARKA AND TROUSERS

1. Marines are allowed to purchase the Extended Cold Weather Clothing System (ECWCS) parka and trousers as an optional uniform item and wear it with the utility uniform at their option during cold or inclement weather, except when specifically prohibited by the commander for reasons of uniformity. Marines are authorized to wear ECWCS items with the traditional woodland pattern with the desert and woodland combat utility uniforms.
2. Whenever the optional ECWCS parka is worn, grade insignia will be worn as prescribed in chapter 4. Name tapes may be sewn on the right shoulder pocket flap of the parka/right seat pocket flap of the trouser and service tapes may be sewn on the left shoulder pocket flap of the parka, as the commander prescribes, in a manner that does not damage the weather-proof integrity of the item.
3. Marines who purchase ECWCS parkas or trousers from sources other than Marine Corps Exchange/DoD supply system may wear them provided they are identical in appearance to the standard item, as well as functional and suitable for combat and field wear. Marines who purchase their own ECWCS items may wear them with civilian attire, provided all grade insignia is removed. Organizationally issued ECWCS parkas may not be worn with civilian attire.

3012. FOOTWEAR. (See figs. 3-2 and 3-3.)

Figure Hyperlinks:

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| Fig 3-2. | <u>Male Footwear</u> . |
| Fig 3-3. | <u>Female Footwear</u> . |

1. General

- a. All Marines may purchase and wear approved commercial black leather and synthetic leather shoes in semi-gloss or high gloss (patent) finishes on an optional basis (approval identification not required for pumps). These shoes may be used to satisfy minimum requirements. Chukka boots are authorized for male officers and SNCO's only.
- b. Double/platform soles, heels, metal heel or toe plates are prohibited.

Figure 1-3.--USMC Approval Identification.



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MATERIALS FOR
STYLE, DESIGN &
QUALITY TO LIKE
ITEM APPROVED BY
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SERIAL _____